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NFIB Survey

1. Excluding IRS tax required paperwork, what are your top three most burdensome federal paperwork requirements on an annual basis?

- They are:
 - OSHA Reports and Survey;
 - Import/Export and Shipping Surveys;
 - Registering to do Business with the Federal Government
- They are:
 - EEO-1,
 - OSHA 300 & 300A,
 - Economic Census (not annual)
- Those specific to nursing home industry
- They are:
 - 401K Census for our profit sharing company to assist with the processing of the CR5500,
 - OSHA log and summary of injuries,
 - 1099's.
- Keeping tax records, even with a CPA doing the forms, is the most burdensome, because I am the one who has to give them all the figures and break them down, keep the documentation and worry about overlooking something
- They are:
 - Annual Reports,
 - Licenses,
 - Surveys
- Payroll tax paperwork (we have to pay for a firm to do this for us); nothing else, federal. State and local regs are much worse than Federal, right now.
- We have an outside payroll service that handles payroll; therefore, I really do not see much federal paperwork.
- They are:
 - EPA production report;
 - Department of Commerce mandatory quarterly financial report,
 - DOL ERISA compliance testing quarterly.

2A. Aside from things like your company name and address, how much duplication is there in the information collected?

A. Not Much		0%
B. A Little	1	17%
C. Some	1	17%
D. A Great Deal	3	50%
E. Don't Know	1	17%

2B. If there is duplicate paperwork, is it within the same agency?

- No, different agencies; the Census Bureau
- Most Agencies
- With only three employees, we are exempt from almost all of those agencies reporting requirements.
- Similar “silos” within EPA require the exact same information, particularly proof of small business status.

2C. Can you name which agency or agencies require the most duplicate paperwork?

- OSHA
- HHS
- I don't really see much duplication
- No
- EPA

2D. Can you name which agency or agencies require the most TIME to fill out federal paperwork?

- OSHA Reading Instructions
- HHS
- OSHA
- OSHA probably takes up the most time if done properly
- No
- EPA

3. Please estimate how many total hours you spend (including time spent 1. [figuring out] if the information should be given; 2. gathering the data; 3. filling out the form; 4. storing the document) every year on federal paperwork, excluding IRS required paperwork?

A. Less than 25 Hours	1	17%
B. 25-99 Hours	2	33%
C. 100-249 Hours	1	17%
D. 250-499 Hours		0%
E. 500-999 Hours		0%
F. More Than 1000 hours	2	33%
G. Don't Know		0%

- We have five full time staff who do nothing but form filling for EPA and State Environmental Agencies (circled more than 1000 hours)

4. What is the SINGLE biggest source---except for the IRS---of federal paperwork?

- OSHA
- MDS 20 forms for HHS, could be simplified, made less redundant
- FMLA
- All of them

- The census, when they choose your company to be surveyed, plan on wasting a couple hours a month, each month for a year doing their work for them.
- EPA